

HOUSE BILL 553

By Lundberg

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 57,
Chapter 1, relative to the alcoholic beverage
commission.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 57-1-201(b), is amended by adding the following language as a new subdivision:

(4) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), the commission shall not impose a fine on a license or permit holder for a violation listed below more than three (3) times in a two-year period. The commission shall be required to suspend or revoke the license or permit instead of imposing a fine after the third violation within the two-year period.

Types of violations governed by this subdivision (b)(4) are:

(A) Selling alcoholic beverages to a person who is visibly intoxicated in violation of § 57-4-203(c) or § 57-3-406(c);

(B) Sale of alcoholic beverages to minors in violation of § 57-4-203(b) or § 57-3-406;

(C) Buying alcoholic beverages from sources other than a licensed wholesaler; and

(D) Allowing persons under eighteen (18) years of age to dispense, serve or sell alcoholic beverages;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.